

A Glimpse of the Son:

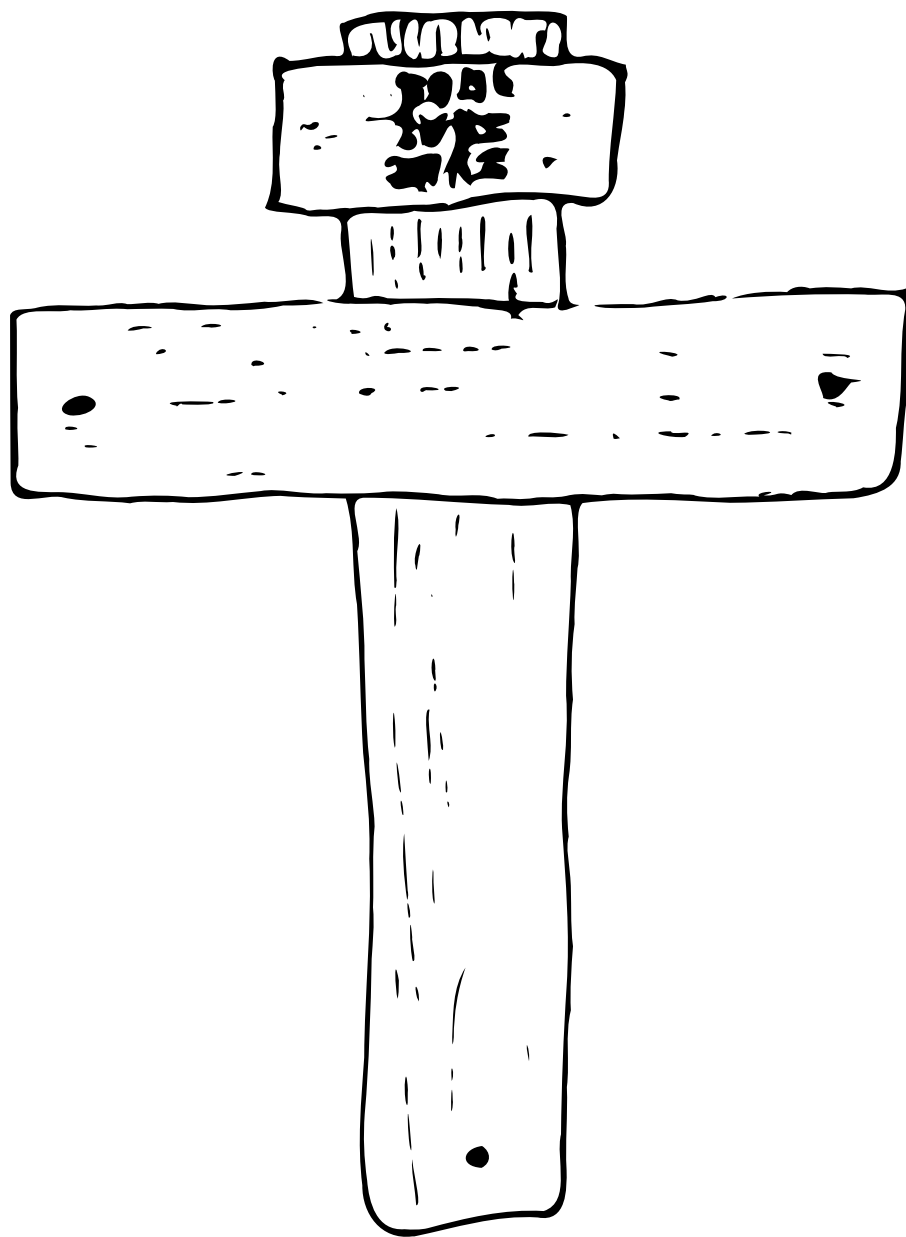
A Holy Week and Easter Family Devotional

*And when the sabbath
was past, Mary
Magdalene, and Mary
the mother of James,
and Salome, had
bought sweet spices,
that they might come
and anoint him. And
very early in the
morning the first day
of the week, they came
unto the sepulchre at
the rising of the sun.
And they said among
themselves, Who shall
roll us away the stone*

*from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great. And entering
into the sepulchre, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he
saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where
they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto
you. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre: for they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any
man: for they were afraid. Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of*

*whom he had cast
seven devils. And she
went and told them
that had been with
him, as they mourned
and wept. And they,
when they had heard
that he was alive, and
had been seen of her,
believed not. After that
he appeared in another
form unto two of them,
as they walked, and
went into the country.
And they went and
told it unto the residue:
neither believed they
them. Afterward he
appeared unto the
eleven as they sat at
meat, and upbraided
them with their unbelief
and hardness of heart,
because they believed not
them which had seen
him after he was risen.
And he said unto them,
Go ye into all the world,
and preach the gospel to
every creature. He that
believeth and is baptized
shall be saved. (Mark 16:1-9)*

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Introduction

Easter, or Resurrection Sunday, is truly the most joyous of all holidays for a Christian.

Christ arose!

Jesus conquered death so that we all can live forevermore!

Nothing can compare to this great Good News and the whole family should share the excitement. This short ebook shares a glimpse of the final days of Christ's life, death, and resurrection in a way that attempts to involve everyone.

How to Use This Book

This book is divided into eight sections each with a scripture reading, thoughts on the passage, discussion questions, and suggested hymns and activities. We tried to include a variety of levels for the questions and activities so that this book would be applicable for a wide range of ages. Easier questions and activities are marked with a palm branch, and more challenging ones are marked with an empty tomb. We designed each section to be for an individual day, but, of course, you can go as fast or as slow as you like.

Also, you can use as much or as little of the book as you want, whatever draws your heart toward God. And if all you use is the scripture references as a jumping off point to read out of your own Bible and have your own reflection or discussion, that is great too. After all, only the Word is infallible, and we are far from it.

Thank you for taking time to read these words and desiring to celebrate Christ's resurrection.

Printable Resources

We have also included a variety of printable resources to go along with this short book. You can use these to complete some of the activities if you like.

- There are pictures and cross ornaments to correspond to each day's reading. You can color them and decorate a resurrection tree with them if you like.
- There is also a printable set so each child can make his or her own "My Resurrection Book." Print and cut out the cover and the quarter sheets pages for days 1–8. Place pages inside folded cover and staple (or fasten together in another manner). Children can color the picture and write a verse, thought, or draw another picture in the box provided to go along with the reading.
- There are also decorative printables that you can print out and use to decorate your home.

Palm Sunday: Triumphal Entry

Matthew 21:1–17

1 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples,

2 Saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me.

3 And if any man say ought unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them.

4 All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

5 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass.

6 And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,

7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon.

8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way.

9 And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?

11 And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.

12 And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves,

13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

14 And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

15 And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased,

16 And said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?

17 And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there.

Jesus makes His entry into Jerusalem as the King of the Jews. However, instead of royal chariots and fanfare, He rides on a borrowed donkey. Even when Jesus was rightfully being hailed as part of the royal line of David and recognized as the savior sent by God, He was still humble.

On this day, the multitudes in the streets recognized that Jesus was a prophet coming in God's name, but when He entered into the temple, He found it full of business rather than worship for Himself and His Father, God.

Jesus cast out the money changers and merchandise sellers. He cleared the business out of the place of worship. The children sang His praises in the temple, but the priests and scribes were very displeased. In a very short time these leaders would turn the people against Jesus.

Let us always remember to sing Jesus' praises and to be wholly devoted to Him. Let us be steadfast in our faith.

Questions:



How did Jesus make His entry into Jerusalem?



Who praised Jesus? Who were very displeased?



Why were the leaders displeased?

Suggested Activities:



Have a parade in your home, waving palm branches (real or paper) and praising Jesus.



Ask God to help you always have a prominent place in the temple of your life.

All Glory, Laud and Honor

(Translated by John M. Neale, 1851)

*All glory, laud and honor,
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*Thou art the king of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and Blessèd One.*

*All glory, laud and honor,
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*The company of angels
Are praising Thee on High,
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply.*

*All glory, laud and honor,
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our prayer and praise and anthems
Before Thee we present.*

*All glory, laud and honor,
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.*

*All glory, laud and honor,
To Thee, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

*Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.*

Monday: Wedding Feast

Matthew 22:1–14

1 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,

2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.

4 Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.

5 But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:

6 And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.

7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.

9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.

10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

Shortly before His death, Jesus tells a parable about a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son. Everything was ready, but those first invited chose not to attend. Then the king invited others, everyone his servants could find, to come. But someone tried to sneak in without the proper wedding garment.

God is preparing the ultimate wedding party for His Son, Jesus, to His bride, the church.

God has sent out invitations.

First to the Jews and now to everyone.

Will you choose to attend?

You only need the robe of righteousness, a gift from the King to you, bought with His Son's ultimate sacrifice.

Questions:



Who was preparing the feast in the story?



Who is busy preparing a wedding party for His Son now?



Whom does God want to attend the banquet?



Will you be there? Will your family and friends be there?

Suggested Activities:



Make an invitation to the ultimate party.



Thank God for His personal invitation addressed to you, and meditate on what the wedding will be like.

The Church's One Foundation

(Samuel J. Stone, 1866)

The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation
By water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore:
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
May live eternally.

Tuesday: First and Greatest Commandment

Matthew 22:34–40

34 But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together.

35 Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying,

36 Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the first and great commandment.

39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The religious leaders are threatened by the increasing number of people following Jesus. They are trying to find a way to turn the people and leaders against Him, to get rid of Him. The Pharisees try to force Jesus to speak against religious law and traditions by asking, “Which is the great commandment in the law?” (Matthew 22:36) Jesus replies the first commandment is to love God completely, and the second is to love others. All other laws and commands hang on these two tenets. If we truly put God first, others second, and then ourselves, all of the other laws are easily fulfilled.

It has often been said that joy is spelled

Jesus

Others

Yourself

If we get this order correct, the other pieces of our life will fit neatly together, and we can find peace, rest, and contentment.

Love God first:

Serve Him above everything. Give to Him first. Sin not against Him.

Love others next:

Serve others before ourselves. Give to others. Sin not against others nor harm them.

We fulfill God’s laws when we seek Him and act out of love. God promises that when we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, everything else we need will be provided (Matthew 6:33).

Questions:



What was the Pharisees question to Jesus?



What is the first and greatest commandment?



How have you seen J.O.Y. in your own life?

Suggested Activities:



Out of gray construction paper, cut two “stone” tablets. Overlap the square ends to form a heart shape.



Think of a special way to put someone else’s needs first today.

My Jesus, I love Thee

(William R. Featherstone, 1864)

*My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*I love Thee because Thou has first lovèd me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath,
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

Wednesday: A Precious Gift

Matthew 26:6–13

6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper,

7 There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat at meat.

8 But when his disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste?

9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

10 When Jesus understood it, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.

11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always.

12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did it for my burial.

13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

A woman pours out precious ointment as a gift, an offering to Jesus.

The disciples called it waste.

Jesus called it a good work. He told them she did this for His burial.

God values precious gifts poured out in offering to Him. If we pour out our lives as a gift, an offering, to Jesus, others may call it waste.

But God knows our hearts, sees our souls, and discerns what is of true eternal value. It is up to Him to judge what is truly a good work.

Jesus says we will always have the poor with us. We aren't able to fix everything for everyone. We can't solve all of the world's problems.

But we can give to God. He used Zaccheaus' riches and the widow's mite, Sampson's strength and Esther's beauty, forty days in the wilderness with God and the briefest touch of the Savior's coat, the faith of Abraham and that of a child.

Giving to God may seem like wasting something precious, whether it be money, ability, or time, but God sees the eternal value.

Questions:



What did the woman give to Jesus?



How did the disciples respond?



Are there areas in your life world calls a waste but God calls an offering?

Suggested Activities:



Draw a present for God, something precious wrapped up for Jesus.



Ask God for eyes to see the eternal value of what you give to Him.

Take My Life and Let It Be

(Frances R. Havergal, 1874)

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold:
Take my intellect, and use
Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Every pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine:
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store:
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Thursday: The Last Supper

Matthew 26:17–29

17 Now the first day of the feast of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?

18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

19 And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

20 Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.

21 And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?

23 And he answered and said, He that dippeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

24 The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

25 Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.

26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

The passover feast is here.

Christ's time is at hand. His last meal prepared.

Christ offers His disciples (and us) Himself, the Bread of Life.

For our sins, He poured out His blood.

At this last supper, Christ establishes a New Testament, a covenant with His followers, a promise to all who believe in Him.

This feast is to be a remembrance of Christ's gift to us. Jesus gave us Himself, offered up for the remission of our sins.

And with the remembrance of the gift past, we can also remember the promise that Christ said He would feast again with us in His new kingdom.

Questions:



Which feast took place?



What did Jesus call the bread?



When did Christ say He would eat this feast again?



How does this promise apply to your life?

Suggested Activities:



Draw (or act out) the Last Supper, thinking about the great promise Jesus made.



Meditate on the gift Christ offers us so freely.

I Gave My Life for Thee

(Frances R. Havergal, 1858)

*I gave My life for thee, My precious blood I shed,
That thou might ransomed be, and raised up from the dead
I gave, I gave My life for thee, what hast thou given for Me?
I gave, I gave My life for thee, what hast thou given for Me?*

*My Father's house of light, My glory circled throne
I left for earthly night, for wanderings sad and lone;
I left, I left it all for thee, hast thou left aught for Me?
I left, I left it all for thee, hast thou left aught for Me?*

*I suffered much for thee, more than thy tongue can tell,
Of bitterest agony, to rescue thee from hell.
I've borne, I've borne it all for thee, what hast thou borne for Me?
I've borne, I've borne it all for thee, what hast thou borne for Me?*

*And I have brought to thee, down from My home above,
Salvation full and free, My pardon and My love;
I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee, what hast thou brought to Me?
I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee, what hast thou brought to Me?*

Friday: Crucifixion

Mark 15: 13–18, 22–28, 33–39

13 And they cried out again, Crucify him.

14 Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him.

15 And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

16 And the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Praetorium; and they call together the whole band.

17 And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head,

18 And began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews!

22 And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull.

23 And they gave him to drink wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not.

24 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.

25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

26 And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

27 And with him they crucify two thieves; the one on his right hand, and the other on his left.

28 And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

33 And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour.

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias.

36 And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down.

37 And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost.

38 And the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom.

39 And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

Just five days earlier, the people of Jerusalem hailed Jesus as the savior sent from God.

Now, they cried out to crucify Him.

Pilate did not wish to condemn this innocent Man; he tried to arrange for Jesus release. But the religious leaders stirred up the people and caused them to demand the release of a murderer and the Savior of the world killed.

Such a tragedy. And yet, ultimately a victory.

We are all guilty of Christ's death, as guilty as those who cried out for His crucifixion. Christ died for each of us, for every sinner, and for every sin. Sin and death needed to be conquered for us to live forever.

There was no other way than for the Son of God and the Son of Man to suffer, to die, to conquer death and the devil, and to rise again.

Only Christ could fulfill this role, so even though he prayed for the cup of suffering to pass from Him, He was still obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

Questions:



What did the people want to do to Jesus?



Why did Jesus have to die?



Whom did Jesus die for?



Have you ever gone through a tragedy that ultimately turned out to be a victory for God?

Suggested Activities:



Draw a cross, and on it write, "He died for me."



Take some time to fully meditate on Christ's death and what it means for you personally.

The Old Rugged Cross

(George Bennard, 1913)

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

*O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary.*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

*In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

*To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where his glory forever I'll share.*

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

Saturday: Waiting Outside the Silent Tomb

Matthew 27:57–66

57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple:

58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.

66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

After Christ gives up His spirit and dies, Joseph of Arimathaea begs Pilate for Jesus' body. Joseph buries Christ in his own brand new tomb.

Afterwards, Jesus' followers depart in sadness to prepare for the Sabbath day.

The tomb is sealed and silent.

Ironically, Christ's enemies are the only ones who believe that Jesus' body might disappear before the third day. They are the only ones who seem to remember Christ's claim that He would rise again. The Pharisees think Jesus' disciples might steal His body to make it look like He rose again, so they ask for guards to be posted to secure the dead Man.

The soldiers are posted, and now they too are waiting patiently for the third day to come.

Today, we know the end of the story and are no longer waiting for the first resurrection. We are waiting for Christ to come again.

Questions:



Where was Jesus buried?



Why did the religious leaders ask for guards to be posted?



What are we waiting for?

Suggested Activities:



Draw a stone tomb, sealed and silent.



Take a moment of silence to sit and meditate on the joy yet to come, the joy of the coming celebration of the Resurrection when Christ shall come again.

Low in the Grave He Lay

(Robert Lowry, 1874)

*Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior,
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!*

*Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

*Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!*

*Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
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Easter Sunday: Resurrection!

John Chapter 20:1–18

1 The first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone taken away from the sepulchre.

2 Then she runneth, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him.

3 Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulchre.

4 So they ran both together: and the other disciple did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

5 And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

6 Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie,

7 And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

8 Then went in also that other disciple, which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw, and believed.

9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.

10 Then the disciples went away again unto their own home.

11 But Mary stood without at the sepulchre weeping: and as she wept, she stooped down, and looked into the sepulchre,

12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was Jesus.

15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master.

17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

After the sabbath had past, on the first day of the week, some of Jesus' followers go to anoint His body, to further preserve it in death.

But they cannot find His body.

His body is not there.

Jesus' followers are sad and confused.

An Angel even appears and delivers a message of hope. (See Mark 16:6.)

But Mary Magdalene still weeps outside the tomb.

And then, He appears, her Master.

He is risen!

His body no longer needed preserving, for it was preserved for life everlasting. Christ conquered death and lives forever so that we may too.

Mary ran to tell the others the Good News.

Jesus body doesn't need preserving. But the message of His love, His death, and His resurrection does.

Let us celebrate and preserve the wonderful truth of Jesus' victory.

He is risen!

Questions:

Today, celebrate Jesus resurrection with those you love!

Suggested Activities:

Enjoy Easter.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

(Charles Wesley, 1739)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Lo! the sun's eclipse is over, Alleluia!
Lo! He sets in blood no more, Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!
Christ hath burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!
Christ hath opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once He died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and Heaven, Alleluia!
Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!
Hail, the resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

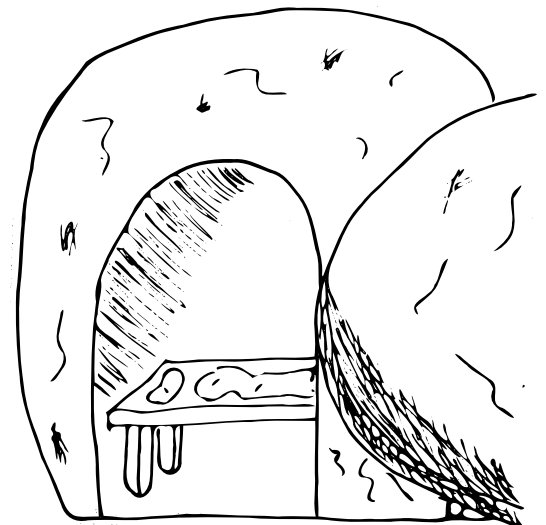
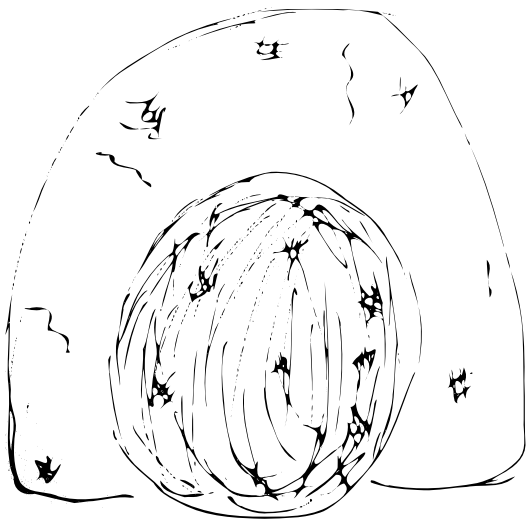
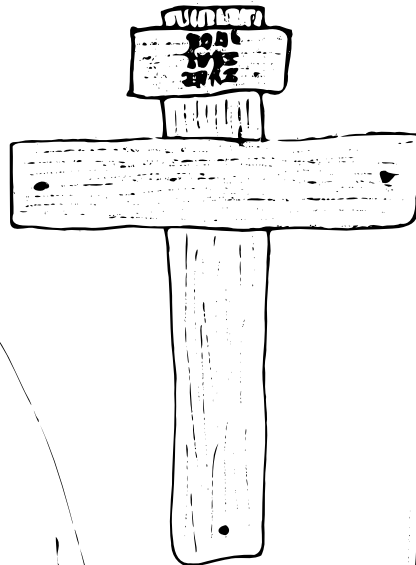
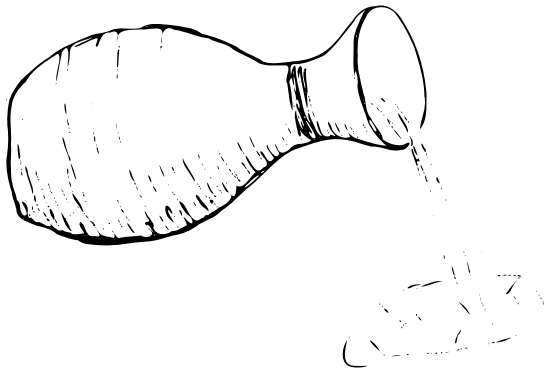
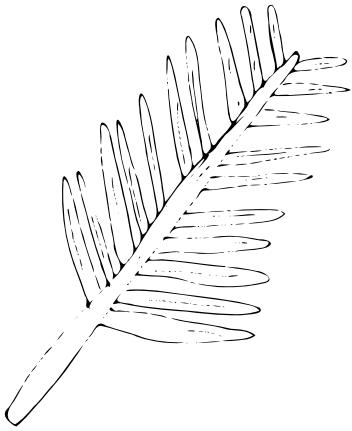
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Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!
Thee to know, Thy power to prove, Alleluia!
Thus to sing and thus to love, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains that He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

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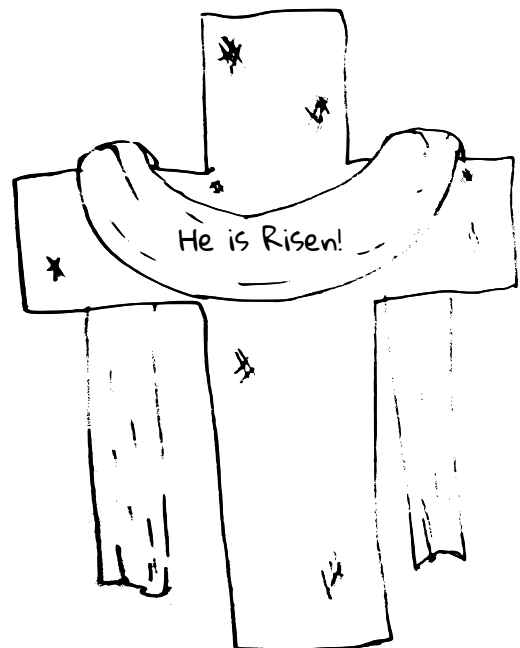
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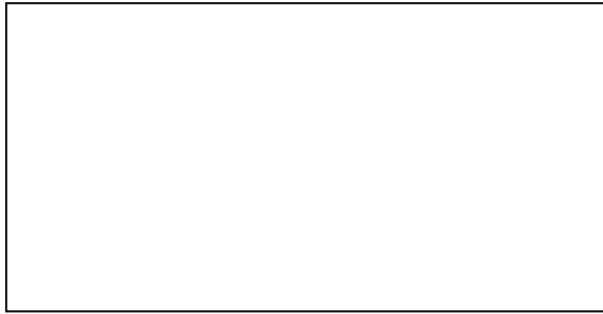
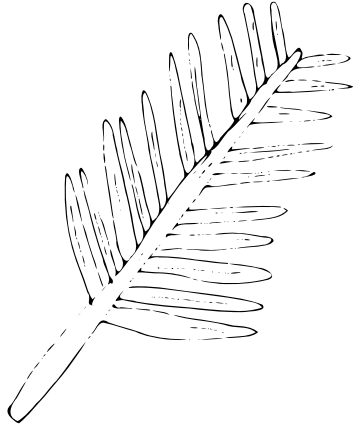
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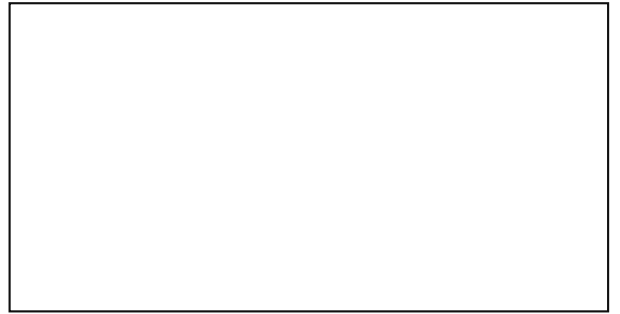


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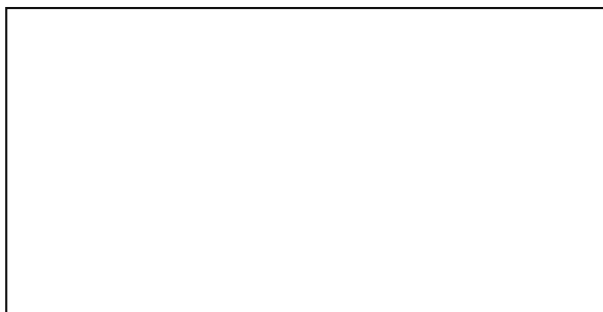
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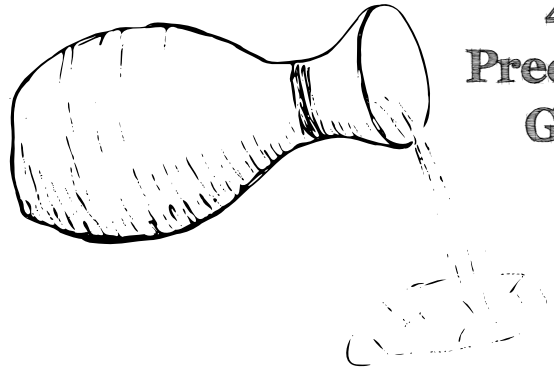
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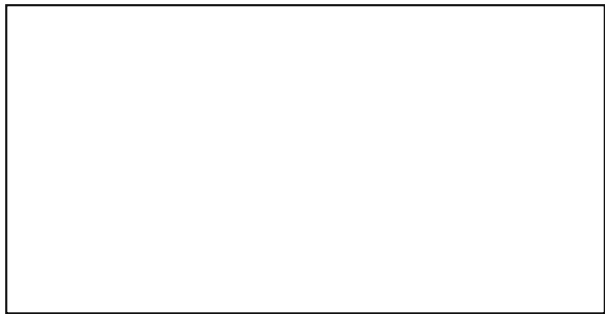
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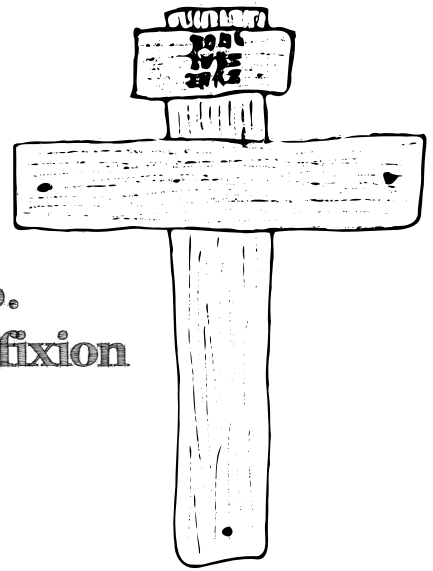
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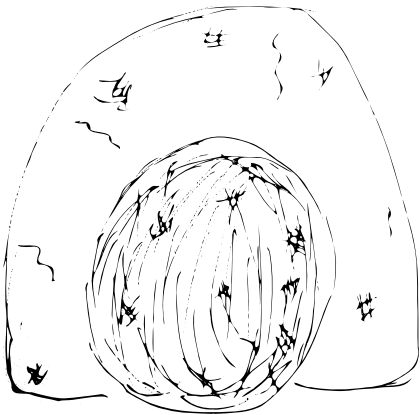
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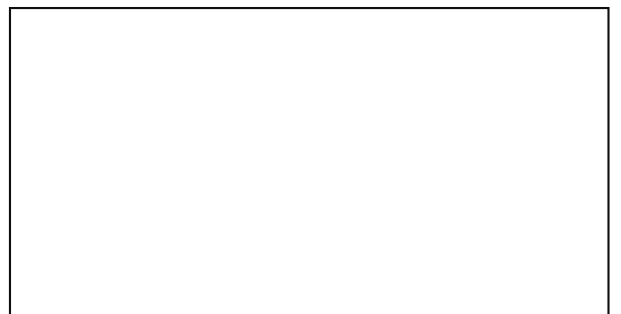
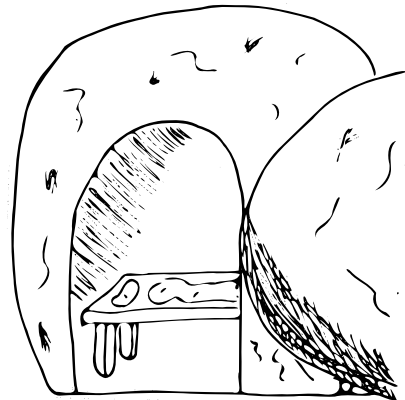
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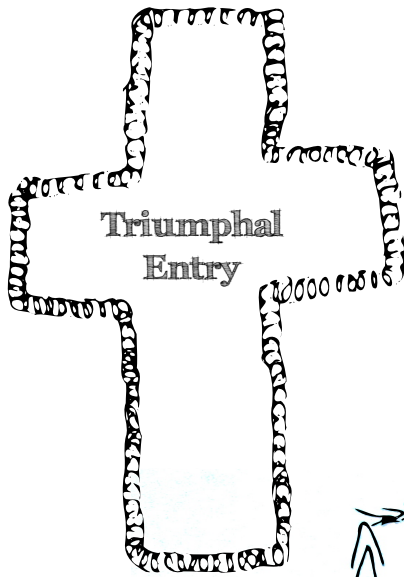
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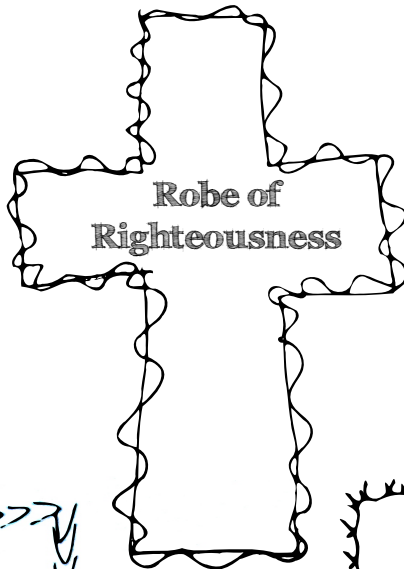
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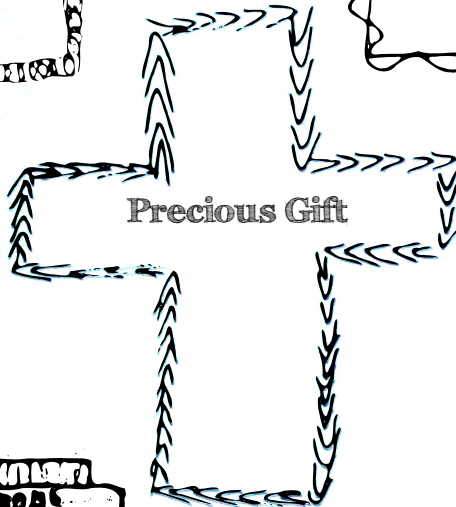
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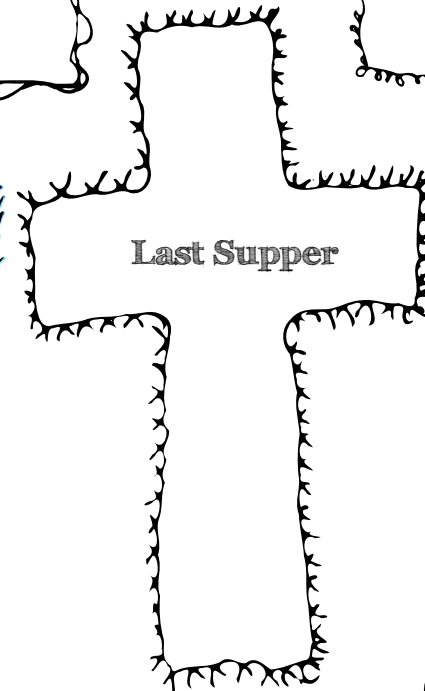
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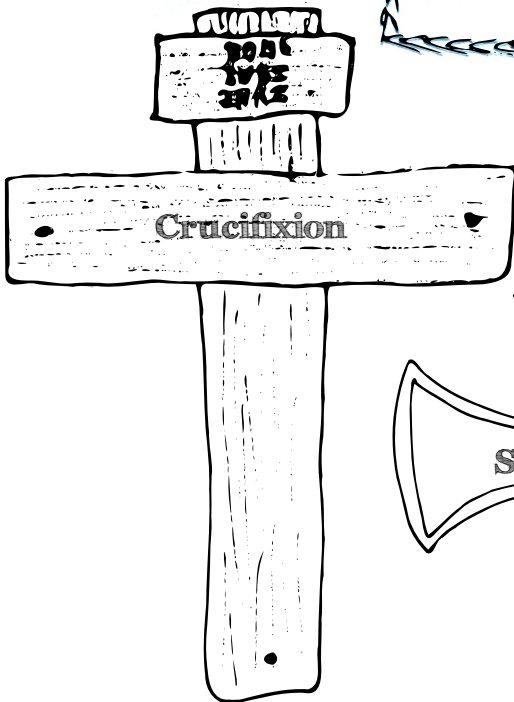
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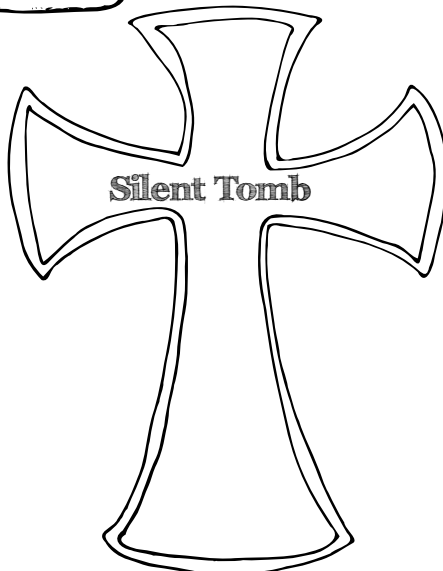
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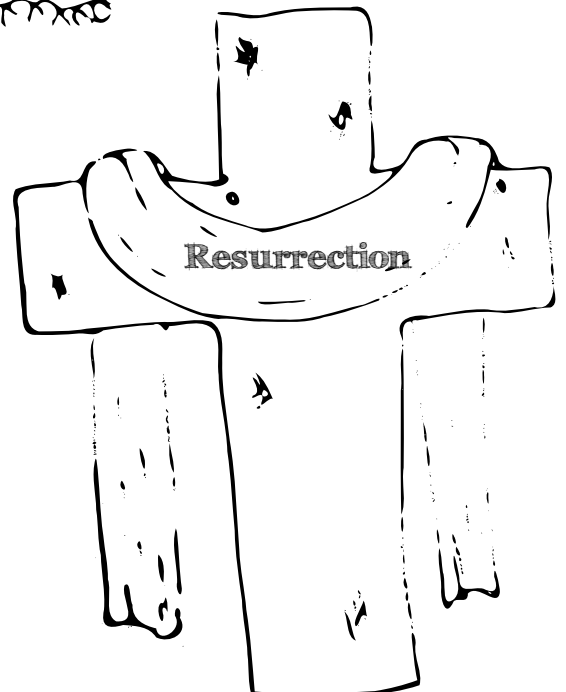
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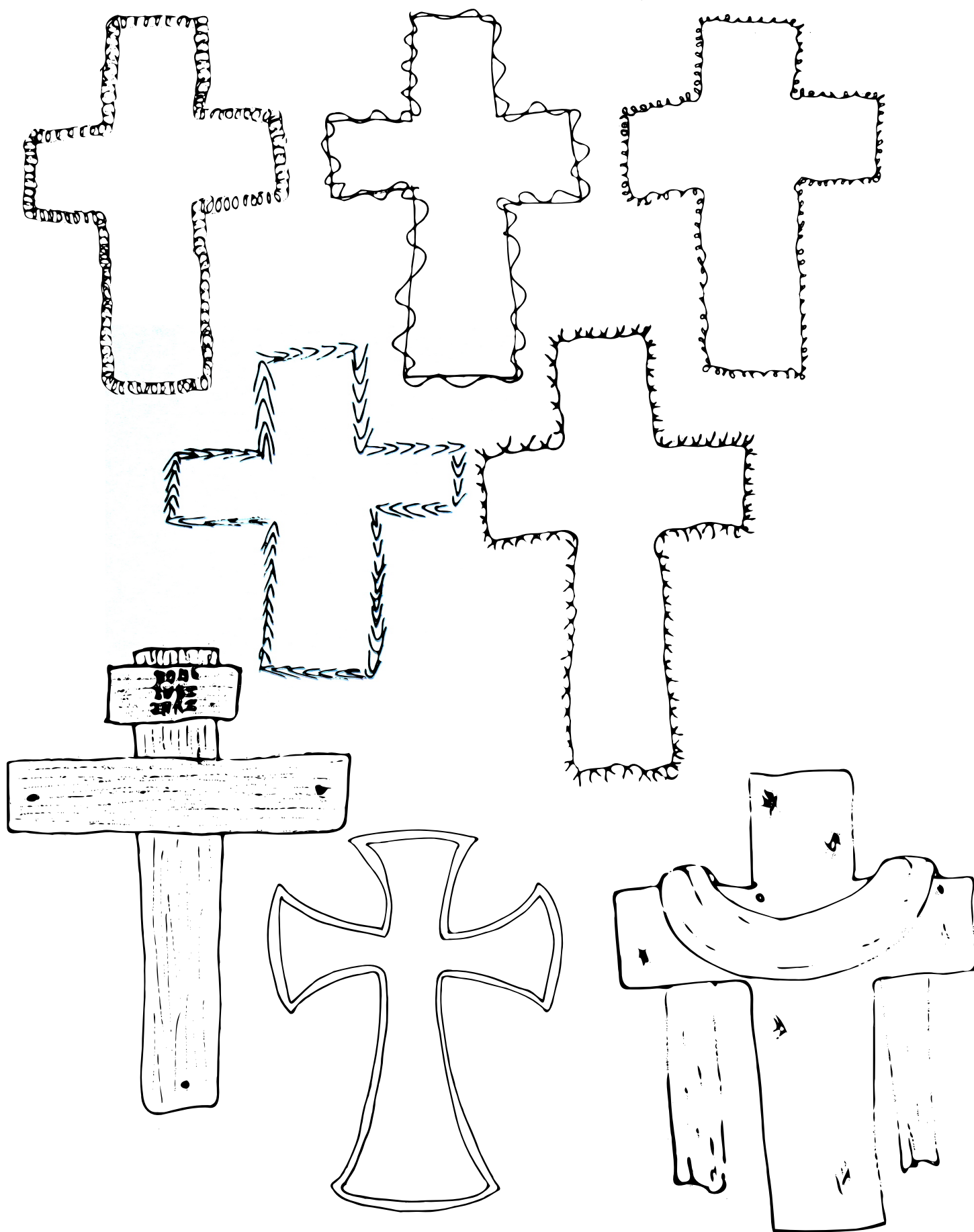


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from the door of the sepulcher? And when they looked right into that the stone was rolled away for it was very quiet - And entering
into the sepulcher they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment - and they were affrighted - that he
said unto them - Do not be affrighted - Ye seek Jesus which was crucified - he is risen - he is not here - behold the place where
they laid him - Go ye now and tell his disciples and Peter that he is gone before you into Galilee - there shall ye see him - so he said unto
you - And they went not quickly and fled from the sepulcher for they trembled and were amazed - neither said they any thing to any
man for they were afraid - Now when there was risen early the first day of the week - he appeared first to Mary Magdalene - out of

whom he had sent
seven disciples - that she
went and told them
that he had been with
him - as they ministered
and said - that they
when they had heard
that he was alive - and
had been seen of her
believed not - After that
he appeared to another
from unto two of them
as they walked - and
went into the country
that they went - and
told it unto the twelve
- neither believed they
them - Afterward he
appeared - unto the
eleven as they sat at
meal - and rebuked
them with their unbelief
and hardness of heart
because they believed not
when he had said unto
them - after he was risen
that he said unto them -
Go ye into all the world
and preach the gospel to
every creature - He that
believeth and is baptized
shall be saved - Mark 16: 7-16

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for a world of lost
sinners was slain

and I love
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where
the dearest
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till my trophies at last I lay down

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(George Bennard, 1913)

*And when the soldiers
were gone, Mary
Magdalene and Mary
the mother of Jesus
and Salome had
bought sweet spices
that they might come
and anoint him. And
very early in the
morning the first day
of the week they came
unto the sepulchre at
the rising of the sun.
And they said among
themselves, Who shall
roll us away the stone?*

*from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked right down that the stone was rolled away for it was very quiet. And entering
into the sepulchre they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment, and they were affrighted. And he
saith unto them, Be not affrighted. Ye seek Jesus which was crucified. he is risen. he is not here. Behold the place where
they laid him. Go ye and tell his disciples and Peter that he is gone before you into Galilee. There shall ye see him, as he said unto
you. And they went not quickly and fled from the sepulchre for they trembled and were amazed. neither said they any thing to any
man for they were afraid. Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of*

*whom he had cast
seven devils. And she
went and told them
that he was alive. And
they, as they returned
and sought, that they
saw they had heard
that he was alive and
had seen one of his
angels. And after that
he appeared to another
from unto her of them,
as they walked, and
went into the country.
And they went and
told it unto the twelve
apostles. But they
doubted. They
doubted, until the
seven as they sat at
meat, and approached
themselves with their heads
and hair of fear.
Because they believed not
them, which had seen
him often. he was risen.
And he said unto them,
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And when the soldiers
went out - Mary
Magdalene and Mary
the mother of Jesus
and Salome - their
hearts went open
that they might know
and understand how
that very body in the
morning the first day
of the week they came
into the sepulcher at
the rising of the sun
that they had among
themselves. Who shall
tell us every the story

from the door of the sepulcher? And when they looked they saw that the stone was rolled away for it was very great. And entering
into the sepulcher they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment, and they were affrighted. And he
said unto them, Be not affrighted. Ye seek Jesus which was crucified. he is risen. he is not here. Behold the place where
they laid him. Go ye and tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee. There shall ye see him, as he said unto
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whom he had cast
seven devils. And she
went and told them
that he had been with
them, as they ministered
and wept. And they
said, she had been
deceived. But he said
that he was alive and
had been seen of his
brethren. And after that
he appeared to them
from within the tomb
as they walked, and
went into the country.
And they went and
told it unto the twelve
apostles. But they
doubted. They
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eleven as they sat at
meal, and rebuked
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And when the soldiers
went - Mary
Magdalene and Mary
the mother of Jesus
and Salome - had
thought worst - even
that they might come
and watch him - that
very early in the
morning the first day
of the week they came
unto the sepulchre at
the rising of the sun
that they might see
themselves - Who shall
tell us among the stones

from the door of the sepulchre? And when they looked they saw that the stone was rolled away - for it was very quiet - And entering
into the sepulchre they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment - and they were affrighted - that he
said unto them - Do not be affrighted - Ye seek Jesus which was crucified - he is risen - he is not here - behold the place where
they laid him - Go ye now and tell his disciples and Peter that he is risen before you - into Galilee - there shall ye see him - so he said unto
them - And they went not quickly and fled from the sepulchre for they trembled and were amazed - neither said they any thing to any
man - for they were afraid - Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week - he appeared first to Mary Magdalene - out of

whom he had sent
unto them - And she
went and told them
that he was risen - with
him - as they ministered
and kept - that they
when they had heard
that he was alive - and
had seen one of his
brethren - went after that
he appeared to another
from unto her of them -
as they walked - and
went into the country
that they might meet
told it unto the twelve
apostles - And when they
gathered - unto the
place - as they sat at
meat - and approached
therewith their sandals
and baskets of food -
behold they beheld out
thence - which had seen
him often - he was risen -
that he sat and said unto
them - Go ye into all the world
and preach the gospel to
every creature - He that
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shall be saved - Mark 16:7

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And when the sabbath
was past, Mary
Magdalene, and Mary
the mother of James,
and Salome, had
bought sweet spices,
that they might come
and anoint him. And
very early in the
morning the first day
of the week, they came
unto the sepulchre
at the rising of the sun.
And they said among
themselves, Who shall
roll us away the stone?

from the door of the synagogue? And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away for it was very quiet. And entering into the synagogue they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white long garment; and they were astonished. And he said unto them, Do not be astonished. Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen: he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go ye now, tell his disciples and the elders that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. And they went out quickly, and fled from the place: they trembled and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man: for they were afraid. Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, and of

when he had cut
 over deeds, And the
 word and told them
 that had been with
 him, as they murmured
 and wept. And they
 when they had heard
 that he was alive, and
 had been seen of her,
 believed not. After that
 he appeared in another
 form unto five of them,
 as they walked, and
 went into the country.
 And they went and
 told it unto the residue,
 neither believed they
 them. Afterward he
 appeared unto the
 eleven as they sat at
 meat, and upbraided
 them with their unbelief
 and hardness of heart,
 because they believed not
 when he said unto them,
 saying, Behold, I am
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